

REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed and considered the Office Action of December 19, 2005. In response to the office action, Applicant has replaced the Abstract, modified FIGS. 1-3 to clearly reflect that they illustrate prior art, and modified drawings 3-5 to replace the abbreviation FLA with FLC, in compliance with Examiner's observations. In addition, claims 1-3 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the disclosed invention. In view of the changes submitted and the remarks which follow, Applicant requests issuance of a timely Notice of Allowance.

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter of the disclosed invention. In particular, Examiner pointed out that the use of the time constant in claim 1 was unclear. Applicant respectfully submits that as amended, the use of the time constant in claim 1 is now clearly shown to be part of a calculation resulting in a substantially continuous time-current curve from the start condition to the run condition. Claims 2 and 3 are dependent on claim 1, and should Examiner find claim 1 allowable, claims 2 and 3 should be allowed as well.

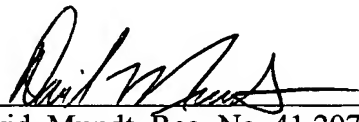
CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that in light of the amendments to the abstract, drawings and claims and the argument set forth in this response, this application is now in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued. However, should Examiner be of the opinion that further amendment or response is required; Applicant encourages Examiner to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below. Further, although no additional fees are believed to be due at this time, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or deficiencies or credit any

overpayments to Cook, Alex, McFarron, Manzo, Cummings & Mehler, Ltd., Deposit Account
No. 50-1039 with reference to attorney docket number (1444-0079).

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AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS:

The attached sheets of drawings includes changes to FIGS. 1-5. FIGS. 1-3 have been marked to clearly indicate they illustrate prior art. The X axis of FIGS. 3-5 has been relabeled to read "MULTIPLES OF FLC," which is consistent with Examiner's observations as recorded in the outstanding office action.